

REMARKS

With this Amendment, claims 14-24 are pending; claims 1-13 were previously canceled; claims 14 and 20-22 are currently being amended.

Claims 14 and 20-22 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as his invention. Support for the amendments to claims 14 and 20-22 can be found throughout the specification and original claims, for example, on page 21, lines 19-20, and page 11, lines 4-9. No new matter has been added.


Applicant thanks the Examiner and his supervisor for the telephonic interview conducted on March 3, 2004. It was agreed at the interview that the currently proposed amendments overcome all pending rejections.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims. If there is any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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